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TAGS: CASC:(SMITH, LECAIN W.)

SUBJECT: W:W:LECAIN W. SMITH

1. SENATOR WILLIAM D. HATTAWAY INTERESTED.
2. DEPARTMENT HAS BEEN REQUESTED TO ASCERTAIN WELL-BEING OF LECAIN W. SMITH WHO WAS EVACUATED, ALONG WITH HIS CREW, BY THE MEXICAN NAVY TO COZUMEL ISLAND AFTER HIS YACHT MERIAH IV WENT AGROUND OFF COAST NEAR BAHIA DE LA ASCENSION. SMITH TELEPHONED HIS FATHER FROM COZUMEL 3/18 STATING HE INTENDED GO BACK TO SCENE OF GROUNDED YACHT TO MEET SALVAGE VESSEL NORTH STAR COMING FROM BELIZE. AFTER SALVAGE OPERATIONS SMITH INTENDED RETURN EITHER TO COZUMEL OR BELIZE AND CONTACT FATHER. FATHER NOW CONCERNED AS SON DID NOT TELEPHONE. CREW OF YACHT REPORTEDLY STAYING AT INEXPENSIVE HOTEL IN COZUMEL. ONE MEMBER SAID TO BE NAMED KNIGHT, ANOTHER NAMED ANN SMITH (NO KIN).

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3. POSTS REQUESTED ATTEMPT CONTACT LECAIN SMITH, OFFER ADVICE/ASSISTANCE AND REQUEST HE CONTACT HIS FATHER.
4. PLEASE CABLE DEPARTMENT/SCS RESULTS OF SEARCH AND SITUATION SMITH AND HIS CREW.

5. NOTICE: PRIVACY ACT AUTHORIZATION REQUIRED
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